CASE NO. 3:12-cv-05667-EMC-NMC

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING

NEXTDOOR.COM'S MSJ ON COUNTS II AND IV

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Having considered Plaintiff Nextdoor.com, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment on its claim for infringement of its NEXTDOOR mark under 15 U.S.C.A. § 1125(A) (Count IV of its Complaint [Dkt. 1]) and its claim for declaratory judgment that Nextdoor.com does not infringe on Raj Abhyanker's alleged FATDOOR marks (Count II of its Complaint [Dkt. 1]), the supporting declarations of Jennifer L. Kelly, Prakash Janakiraman, Jennifer Dulski and William H. Harris, Jr., the supporting exhibits, all other papers in support and opposition thereto, the pleadings and other papers on file in this action, oral arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing, the Court hereby GRANTS that motion and enters judgment in Nextdoor.com's favor on both claims.

As to Count IV, the Court finds that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact that Abhyanker infringed Nextdoor.com's rights in the NEXTDOOR mark. Abhyanker stipulated to a judgment decreeing that Nextdoor.com owns and has priority in the NEXTDOOR mark, and the undisputed facts show that Abhyanker used the NEXTDOOR mark as branding for websites of his own following the launch of the www.nextdoor.com site in 2011 in a way that was likely to confuse consumers. The Court thus holds that Raj Abhyanker's use of the NEXTDOOR mark constituted infringement of Nextdoor.com Inc.'s NEXTDOOR mark.

As to Count II, the Court finds that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact that Abhyanker does not have priority of use of the allegedly similar marks (FATDOOR and NEXTDOOR). Abhyanker has no evidence to support his allegation that he personally used the FATDOOR marks as a source identifier before Nextdoor.com began using the NEXTDOOR mark in October 2011. As a result, Abhyanker could not prevail on an essential element of a trademark claim based on alleged infringement of the FATDOOR mark. Nextdoor.com is thus entitled to a declaration that its use of the NEXTDOOR mark does not infringe Abhyanker's alleged FATDOOR marks, and the Court so declares.

IS SO ORDERED.
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Dated this day of , 2014.

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Honorable Edward M. Chen United States District Court Judge